

A nighttime photograph of the Tokyo Baptist Church building. The building is a multi-story structure with a textured, stone-like facade. A large, illuminated cross is mounted on the wall, glowing with a warm light. To the left, a vertical column of windows is visible, some of which are lit from within. The overall scene is dark, with the primary light source being the illuminated cross and the interior lights of the building.

TOKYO BAPTIST CHURCH

DEDICATION

NOVEMBER 1-8, 1959

To God be the Glory

" I HAVE PLANTED, APOLLOS WATERED; BUT
GOD GAVE THE INCREASE.

" SO THEN NEITHER IS HE THAT PLANTETH
ANY THING, NEITHER HE THAT WATERETH;
BUT GOD THAT GIVETH THE INCREASE.

" NOW HE THAT PLANTETH AND HE THAT
WATERETH ARE ONE: AND EVERY MAN SHALL
RECEIVE HIS OWN REWARD ACCORDING TO HIS
OWN LABOUR.

" FOR WE ARE LABOURERS TOGETHER WITH
GOD: YE ARE GOD'S HUSBANDRY, YE ARE GOD'S
BUILDING."

1 Cor. 3:6-9

unknown gift

"To God be the Glory"



Rev. Milton DuPriest
Pastor
Tokyo Baptist Church

GREETINGS! On behalf of Southern Baptists everywhere and the membership of the Tokyo Baptist Church in particular, I wish to welcome you to share with us the dedication of our new place of worship.

The new structure of the Tokyo Baptist Church represents the love, self-sacrifice and pledge to service of her membership and friends. Her doors stand open to invite you to examine and embrace her head, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Cordially,
Milton DuPriest, pastor

DORIS AND I wish to welcome Rev. [and Mrs. Milton DuPriest to Tokyo and into the fellowship and challenge of the Tokyo Baptist Church. We are grateful unto God for having been given one of America's leading young preachers as the pastor of this church. Although we are unworthy of these blessings, we realize that this church is one of the most strategic Christian opportunities to be found anywhere in the world. Thus we accept His gifts with a pledge that we shall "Give God the glory" until the total victory for Him is won throughout all Japan and around the world.

W. H. Jackson, Jr.

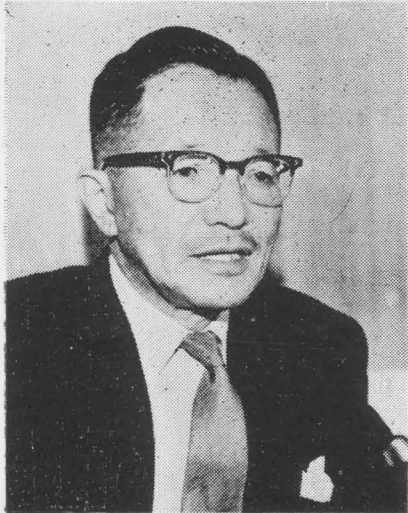


Rev. W. H. Jackson, Jr.
Southern Baptist Missionary
Interim Pastor

"Wherefore we labour, that.....we may be accepted of Him"

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“To God be the Glory through our leaders”



Governor of Tokyo
Ryotaro Azuma



United States Ambassador to Japan
Douglas MacArthur II



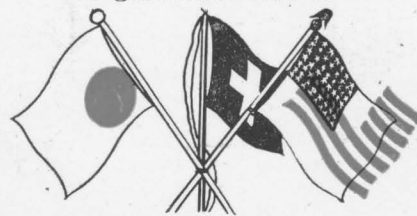
Commander of United States
Forces Japan
Lieutenant-General Robert Burns

“IT IS A matter for our gratification that, by the dedication of the Tokyo Baptist Church, another place of worship has been given to the citizens of Tokyo who justly enjoy the freedom of religion.

“As the world is engaged in a chronic struggle for peace and prosperity, so are the people of Tokyo facing a grim struggle for spiritual and material security.

“I sincerely look forward with much expectation to the future activities of this church in the promotion of the welfare of the citizens of Tokyo.”

Governor Ryotaro Azuma



“NOTHING IS CLOSER to the heart of our Christian heritage than the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God. While the ages-long efforts of man, in his search for God, have produced many denominations of Christian fellowship, nonetheless, the fellowship of man under God remains common to them all. This is also the major promise of our most characteristic American traditions.

“The dedication of the Tokyo Baptist Church on November 1, 1959, should serve to remind us all once again that, in this troubled world in which we live, human understanding and divine guidance are essential to the salvation of mankind.

“May I offer my hearty congratulations to all who have contributed in making this church, where all may come to worship and gain divine inspiration, a beautiful and living reality.”

Ambassador
Douglas MacArthur II

“Honor all men.”

“THE CHURCH IS a symbol of the high spiritual ideals which undergird our democratic way of life. The more deeply these ideals are imbedded in the structure of democracy, the more certain we can be that our way of life shall become the heritage of our children and our children’s children.

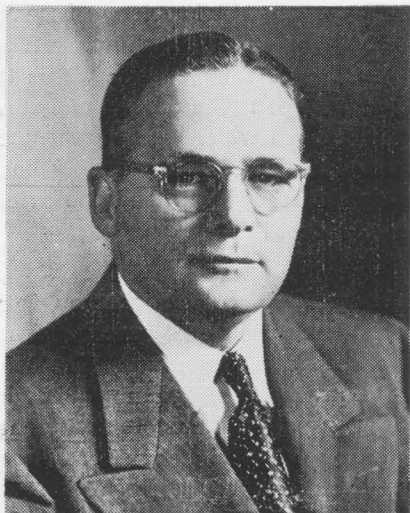
“I extend since rethanks to all who have contributed time, effort and money to make possible the occasion of the dedication of the Tokyo Baptist Church. To those who behold it and worship in it, may this beautiful church structure symbolize all that is sacred in man’s life and essential in our national life.”

Gen. Robert W. Burns

“To God be the Glory in our world wide influence”

Tokyo Baptist Church Dedication Service

Sunday, November 1, 1959 3:00 p.m.



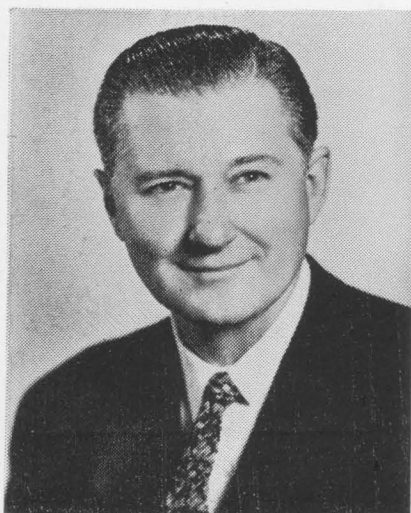
Dr. Ramsey Pollard

DR. RAMSEY POLLARD, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, one of America's largest Protestant denominations, is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He has just completed his twentieth year as pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is past-president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, having served as chairman of the executive committee for Tennessee Baptists. Dr. Pollard has served as president of the Southern Baptists Pastors Conference, one of the largest gatherings of ministers anywhere in the world. He has also served as chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Pollard is a man whom God has chosen, the people have recognized, and one we have been given the honor of hearing.

“Personally, and on behalf of Southern Baptists, I wish to send greetings and congratulations on this eventful occasion in the life of your great church. It is my sincere judgment that the future of the church is as bright as the promises of God. Southern Baptists are proud of the work that has been done by your church. In this day of tension, the fellowship of Christians is a most encouraging omen.”

DEDICATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Japan Philharmonic Orchestra
- United States Embassy Representative—Dr. E. J. Findlay
- Tokyo Metropolitan Government Representative
- Commander U. S. Forces Japan Representative—Chaplain A. C. Schiff
- Pastor Tokyo Union Church—Rev. Howard Haines
- Pastor St. Albans Church—Rev. R. M. Smith
- Pastor Tokyo Chinese Church—Rev. Moses Chow



Rev. W. H. Souther

DR. W. H. “BILL” SOUTHER, professor of Church Administration at New Orleans Theological Seminary, and leader of the well-known First Baptist Church choir, Dallas, Texas, is with us for the entire week of the dedication service. Dr. Souther will be leading the choir as we sing arrangements which he has prepared and arrangements which have been provided by Paul Mickelson, David Appelby, Paul Goercke, and Ralph Carmichael of Los Angeles. Dr. Bill Souther is one of Southern Baptist's leading choir directors and is known for his leadership throughout the Southern Baptist Convention having contributed frequently to educational and music publications. He has participated in evangelistic crusades in Alaska, Rome, Italy and in Adult Sunday School clinics throughout Europe. Dr. Souther has served as president of the Louisiana Baptist Training Union Convention and has been president of the Texas Baptist Sunday School Convention.

“.....and unto the uttermost part of the earth”

"The Glory of God"

MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1, 1959



Dr. Herschel Hobbs

"WHEN THE Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Phillipi he called them a "colony of Heaven." They were a little colony of Heaven set down amid the earth's deep need. When he wrote to the church in Thessalonica he called them a "sounding board" of the gospel. These two phrases describe the position of the Tokyo Baptist Church perfectly. As a colony of heaven located in an area of the earth which desperately needs the salvation provided by our Lord, may you ever be a sounding board of the gospel, that it might go out throughout all of Japan and the Orient. May God's richest blessings abide with you ever!"

Dr. Herschel Hobbs, Baptist Hour radio speaker for the Southern Baptist Convention, has an audience of fifty million people each week and still finds time to pastor one of the largest churches in the convention. Dr. Hobbs has been president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and has served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Pastors Conference. Dr. Hobbs is a featured speaker on many of our state and Southern Baptist Convention programs. Thus we rejoice over the privilege of having Dr. Hobbs participate in this dedication program.

"To God be the Glory in our national life"

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

"CHRISTIANS FROM the States in overseas service can make a distinct contribution to the cause of Christ by identifying themselves with a church, and by being faithful to its services and loyal to its program. By living consistent positive Christian lives in their daily contacts, Americans abroad can make the ministry and witness of the missionary easier rather than more difficult as is so frequently the case. They have opportunities to reach for Christ, many people whom the missionaries will never be able to contact. Christian servicemen and Christian businessmen, with their families, can make an impact for Christ on a nation."

Dr. T. B. Maston has been professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1922. Dr. Maston is one of the best loved professors in this, the world's largest seminary, and has ministered to thousands of pastors and preachers around the world. Dr. Maston has received degrees from Carson-Newman College, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Texas Christian University, and a PhD. from Yale University in 1939. His publications are many and Dr. Maston's books are used by pastors and leaders of men throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, as well as in areas of Christian service around the world. His most recent books have been published by MacMillan and Broadman, "The Bible and Race" and "Segregation and Desegregation." We thank God for this leader. We hear him prayerfully.



Dr. T. B. Maston

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

“To God has been the Glory”

IN March, 1957, a movement to organize an English-speaking church for Southern Baptists in Tokyo and the surrounding area took on new life. For a number of years, Southern Baptist Military Fellowships had been meeting in the Tokyo area.

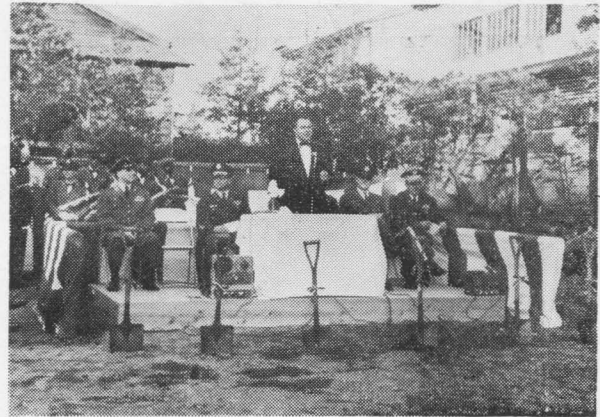
By June, 1957, the military fellowships appointed a committee to investigate the practicality of organizing the church. In October, after receiving much encouragement from various individuals, the committee through the Japan Baptist Mission requested that an interim pastor be appointed.

Rev. W. H. Jackson Jr., a Southern Baptist Missionary in Japan from Abilene, Texas, accepted the invitation and began serving as interim pastor of this group.

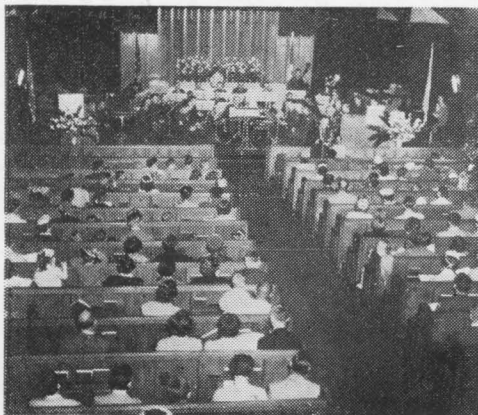
Members began to meet in the Tokyo Chapel Center for Sunday School and worship services. A short time later, the newly organized church purchased property on 40th Street between F and D Avenues in Tokyo, not far from the American School, and Washington Heights. Ground breaking ceremonies for a temporary building were held December 14, 1957. On January 5, 1958, the Tokyo Baptist Church was organized and held its first service as a church in the Keisen Baptist auditorium in Tokyo with 75 charter members.

Construction of the permanent building began in December 1958, and was completed on August 12, 1959. The building, completely air conditioned, seats approximately 500 persons. Educational classrooms in the three story structure are available for all age groups.

Rev. Milton DuPriest, a native of Waco, Texas officially accepted the call as pastor of the church in March, 1959, arriving on the field in October.



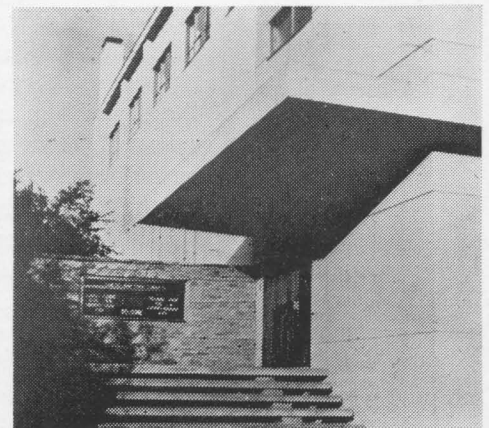
Ground breaking day! Time Magazine



Last service in Chapel Center Mainichi



Temporary building Mainichi



Entrance to new Church

“I will fill this house with Glory”

“To God be the Glory in our Japanese Ministry”



Rev. Calvin Parker

MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 2, 1959

Message—Rev. Calvin Parker
Chairman, Japan Baptist Mission
of the
Foreign Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention

Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention have been at work in Japan for the past seventy years. Highly trained in theological seminaries and other graduate schools, these men and women are the kind of people we usually describe by the term “missionary.” The present members of the Japan Baptist Mission, 123 in number, are scattered throughout the four main islands serving as specialists in the fields of medicine, education, literature, evangelism, and church promotion.

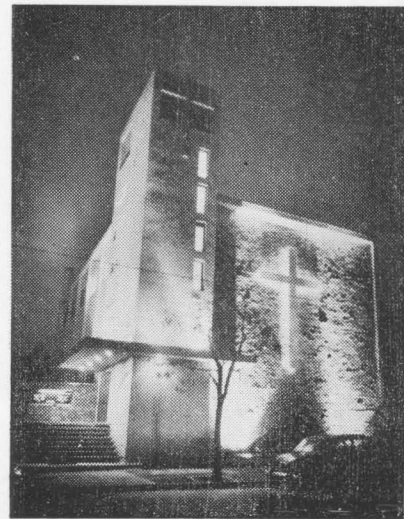
The large influx of American servicemen after World War II saw the appearance here of a new kind of missionary. Southern Baptists, anxious for the warm, informal fellowship that they had known in the “church back home,” began meeting together for worship, Bible study, and wholesome recreation. Imbued with the Christian spirit of sharing, they adopted various projects for their missionary work.

With the women taking the initiative, the fellowship groups raised money to purchase an assembly site for the Japan Baptist Convention, an organization comprising nearly 200 churches and other organizations. Amagi Assembly on Izu Peninsula now plays host to Christian groups the year round.

Tackling one project after another, these active lay missionaries sent Japanese students and delegates abroad, aided medical and social institutions, and supported churches directly and indirectly. A number of individuals taught English and Bible to Japanese young people.

It was perhaps inevitable that a group of people with this kind of spirit would ask a capable missionary like W. H. “Dub” Jackson to serve as their pastor and would develop their own fully-organized church. Even while shouldering the financial burden of a large building program, they continued to give generously to the support of the Japan Baptist Convention.

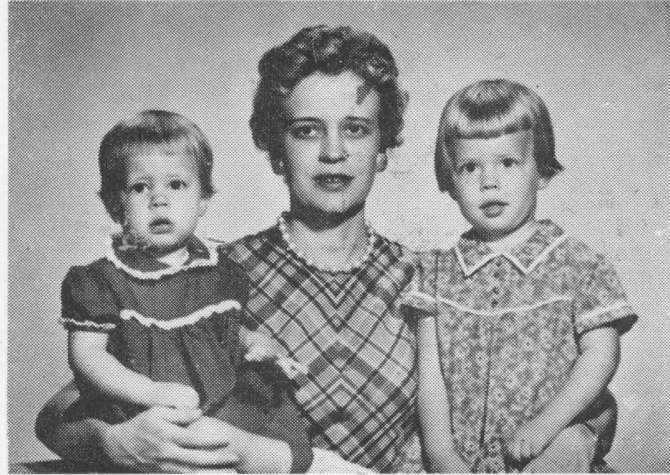
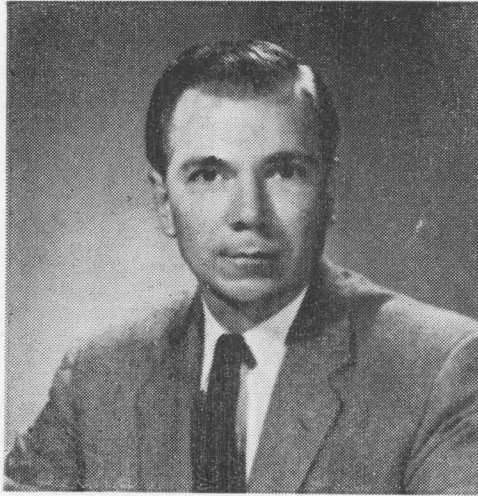
The Mission heartily salutes a noble church. We are grateful that Dub Jackson and a few other missionaries have been able to share their ministry with this church, and that Milton DuPriest has come to be the full-time pastor. We are confident that Tokyo Baptist Church, while continuing to assist the Mission and the Convention, will minister effectively to the large English-speaking population of Tokyo and serve as a model church for all Japan. We offer sincerest congratulations to the officers and members of the congregation upon the dedication of their splendid new building.”



Japan Times

“Righteousness exalteth a nation.”

“To God be the Glory in the coming of our pastor”



MILTON DUPRIEST was born on August 20, 1927, in Waco, Texas. Rev. DuPriest is a graduate of Baylor University and he has been active in the ministry since 1945. He has conducted preaching tours through Scotland, the British Isles and much of Continental Europe and is well known in revival and evangelistic work throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

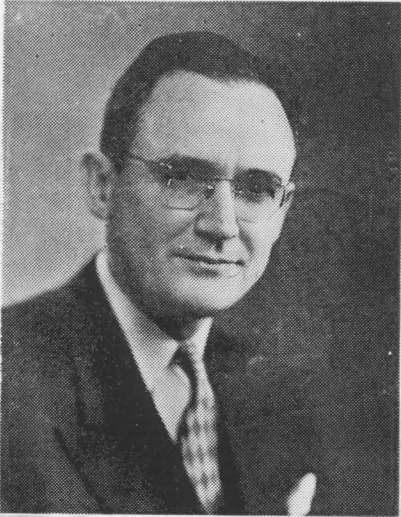
After graduating from Southwestern Seminary in 1953, he was married to the former Julia McDonald of Commanche, Texas. Mrs. DuPriest is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. Rev. DuPriest has served as pastor of the Harris Memorial Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, where under his ministry, the church membership tripled within the first year. In the second year of this pastorate an addition was made to the educational building, and the entire plant remodeled and air conditioned. In his pastorate at Port Lavaca, Texas, the church was able to construct a new parsonage, sponsor a new Baptist church, purchase land, and construct a permanent auditorium and educational wing. In connection with the church sponsored by the Port Lavaca church, they also purchased a parsonage and called a pastor for that new work. During this same period when the financial obligations were the heaviest, the church increased its budget almost 50%, reducing its debt as they went along. They called a full time educational director as well as a church librarian, to aid in the fast growing work of that city. Rev. DuPriest was elected to serve a three year term as a member of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and served two years as trustee of the Texas Baptist Encampment.

Rev. and Mrs. DuPriest have two daughters, Jan Lanette born in Port Lavaca in 1957 and Rhonda Lynn born in Temple, Texas in 1958.

Rev. DuPriest comes to us fresh from one of the most effective evangelistic foundations anywhere in our convention. In the first thirty-seven weeks of his ministry in the Temple Evangelistic Foundation, he conducted 56 revival meetings. He has seen a total of 102 young men surrender to preach during his ministry. Having been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and having been called as pastor of the Tokyo Baptist Church, Rev. DuPriest joined the staff and congregation of this church on October 20, 1959. Every fact and facet of Brother DuPriest's ministry seems to be pointing to the strategic work which God has set before him here in Tokyo.

“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel.”

“To God be through South world English Church



Dr. Baker James Cauthen
Executive Secretary
Foreign Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention

“THE DEVELOPMENT of English-speaking churches in various countries, has long been a part of the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

“In areas where English is used extensively, particularly in the Orient and in Latin America, a number of churches have extended their ministries with blessed results.

“Because of a greatly increased need for English-speaking churches since the close of World War II, added emphasis will be given to this phase of the work in the days ahead.

“It is in order to give guidance to this important work that the statement of policy was adopted by the Foreign Mission Board.

“I congratulate you, the members of Tokyo Baptist Church, upon the organization and good work of your church. This development in your great city will mean much in the furtherance of our Lord’s work.

“We are watching your progress with interest and joy. May God’s richest blessings be upon you.”

BANGKOK

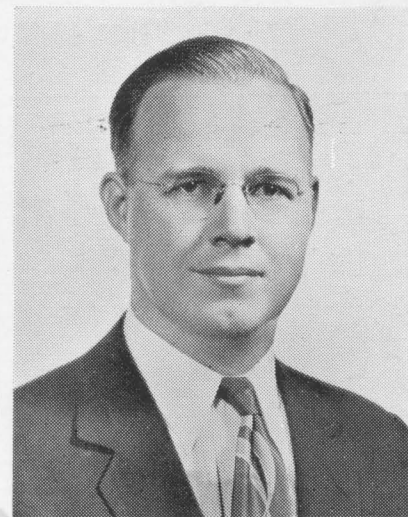
SINGAPORE

“The Foreign Mission Board should continue to expand its efforts to establish churches for English-speaking people in major cities in countries entered by the Foreign Mission Board.

“The Board is to be commended for its efforts to aid in the establishment of Baptist churches for Americans and other English-speaking people in major cities in countries where the Foreign Mission Board is conducting

“Go ye into al

... the Glory of the Southern Baptists' wide ... ch Ministry"



Dr. Winston Crawley
Secretary for the Orient
Foreign Mission Board
Southern Baptist Convention
Richmond, Virginia

“Through the development of English language churches every aspect of the spiritual life of Americans overseas is strengthened. The energies of Baptist people desiring to serve the Lord are focused in a worthwhile program which contributes directly to the strengthening of our mission undertakings in the lands where English language Baptist churches exist. Through such churches many are brought into a position where they can hear the call of the Lord to life-time missionary service themselves.

“The Tokyo Baptist Church is one of the strongest of the English language Baptist churches which has grown up in the worlds’ major cities in recent years. As the church comes to the dedication of its new building, I am happy to express for the Foreign Mission Board greetings and congratulations with the assurance of our desire to continue in happy fellowship and cooperation. We are praying that the Lord will enlarge and bless the ministry of the Tokyo Baptist Church in a remarkable way.”

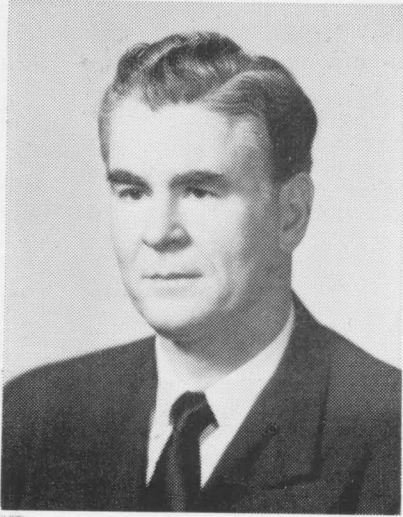
mission programs.

“The Board should extend this work to other cities as rapidly as possible. These churches should be placed on a self-supporting basis as soon as possible.”

(A recommendation to the Foreign Mission Board approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Houston, Texas, May, 1958.)

... o all the world.”

"To God be the Glory in our church life"



Dr. T. A. Patterson

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 3, 1959

"IT IS A high privilege to be with you, the members of the Tokyo Baptist Church in this Dedication Week ceremony. It is our earnest prayer that the Lord will be able to use us in some way and assist in the marvelous work which the members of this church have begun."

Dr. T. A. Patterson, pastor of a church of 6,269 members in Beaumont, Texas, received his doctorate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene, Texas. Dr. Patterson is a member of the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Simmons University and of our Southeast Texas Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. Dr. Patterson serves as a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is presently on a world-wide mission tour for the Board.

Dr. Patterson's son, Paige, age 17, has recently entered the ministry and will be speaking to youth organizations in the Tokyo area while in this city. Mrs. Roberta Patterson, a leader in W.M.U. work, is traveling with Dr. Patterson and taking part in leadership conferences arranged by various W.M.U.'s in the countries to be visited. Baptists of Tokyo and of Japan are grateful for the ministry of these and rejoice in the privilege of receiving God's word through each one of them.



LANGE HALL

Our gratitude to the Fred Langes of Dallas, whose love for God enabled them to see with their hearts what they have not seen with their own eyes

"I must work the works of him that sent me."

” To God be the Glory through his servants”



Dr. K. O. White
Pastor
First Baptist Church
Houston, Texas

“**T**HE ORGANIZATION of the English-speaking Tokyo Baptist Church is assuredly one of the greatest things which has happened in recent years. This church can serve as the rallying point for missionaries, military personnel, educators, English-speaking civilian workers and Japanese people. I believe that this church is destined to hold a great place in the religious and social life of Tokyo. I hope that other such churches will be developed in various communities, for I believe that they could bring about a deeper understanding and a closer friendship, which would be most helpful. My personal contact with the Tokyo Baptist Church in 1958 has filled me with enthusiasm for its future.”

Dr. K. Owen White

Dr. and Mrs. K. Owen White of the First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas have made many lasting and significant contributions to the work of the Tokyo Baptist Church. Through the love and concern of Dr. and Mrs. White and by the leading of the Holy Spirit, this church was made aware of the kind of ministry and service which Brother DuPriest has been rendering for the Lord throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. After much prayer and through the constant leadership of our Lord, Rev. DuPriest has now been led into the life and work of this congregation. Again we say thank you to Dr. and Mrs. White.

FOR THESE WE GIVE THANKS

- Every faithful member both present and past
- Every leader
- The Tokyo Baptist Church Building Committee
Rev. Ernest Lee Hollaway - Chairman
- The Publicity Committee
Rev. Carl Halvarson - Chairman
- The Dedication Week Committee

“ O give thanks unto the Lord.”

"To God be the Glory in our community life"

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4, 1959

Message

Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland
Pastor—South Main Baptist Church
Houston, Texas

Rev. Bill Souther leading

the

Tokyo Baptist Church Choir

in

three of J. T. Adams' arrangements

for

Choir and Instruments

Five members of Japan Philharmonic
Orchestra accompanying



Dr. E. H. Westmoreland

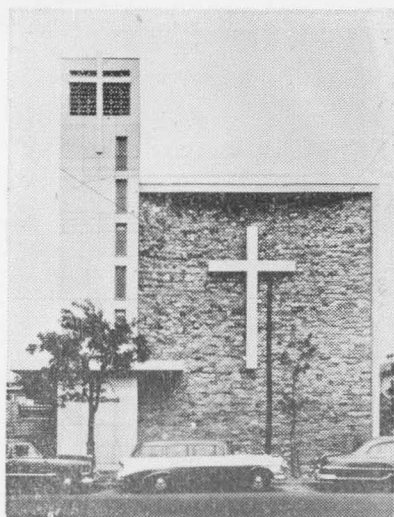


Dr. Akeo Watanabe
Director, Japan Philharmonic
Orchestra

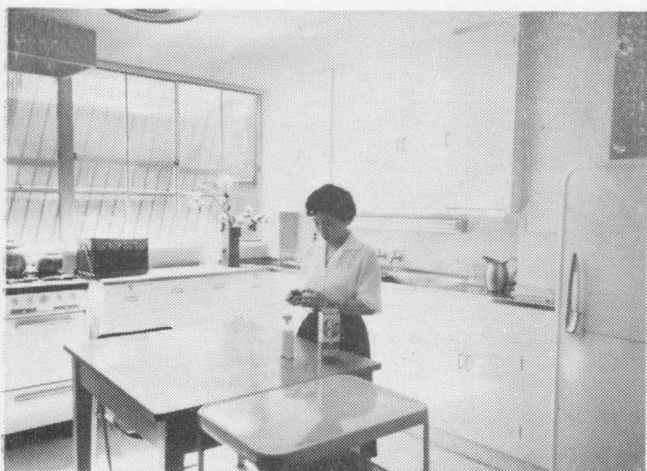
DR. WATANABE was born the son of a Japanese pastor and displayed exceptional talent in music at a very early age. At six, he was already showing remarkable proficiency at the piano, playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto Number Two. He has taken his place now as Japan's leading philharmonic orchestra conductor. This fall the English-language newspapers throughout Japan, termed Dr. Watanabe as the leading musician in Japan, and it is predicted that he and the Philharmonic Orchestra will be setting the pace for musical organizations around the world, in the very near future. Dr. Watanabe has been permanent conductor of the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra since 1956. In 1958, the Finnish government awarded him the Order of Lion of Finland, Knight of First Class, for his contribution of Finnish works here in Japan.

"Let us go into the house of the Lord."

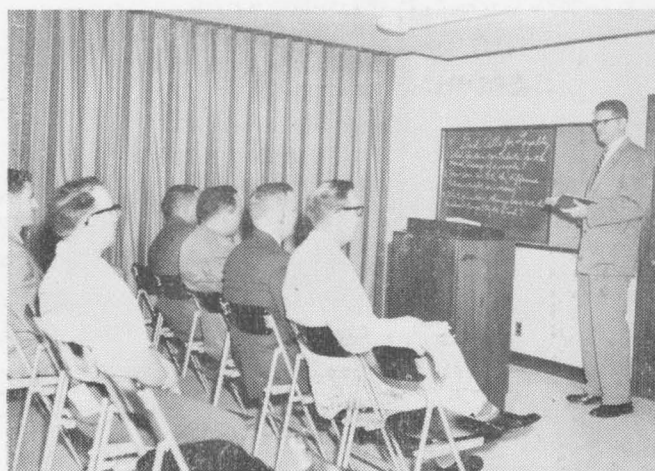
“To God be the Glory through the best we can provide”



Our best in building



Our best in service



Our best in teaching



Our best in preparing

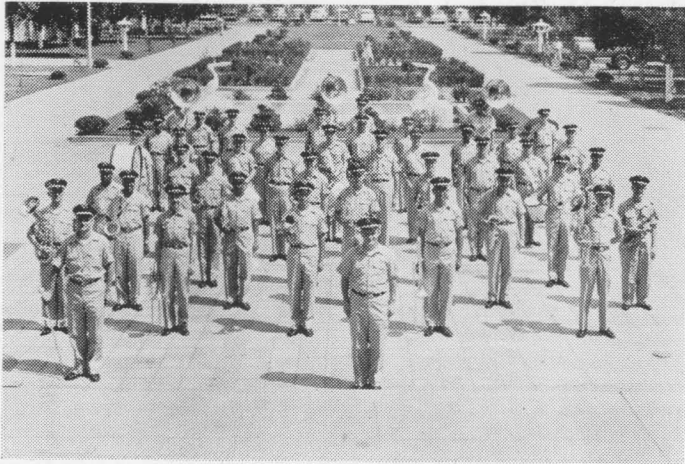


Our best in care

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God”

"To God be the Glory in our church life"

THURSDAY, EVENING, NOVEMBER 5, 1959



5th U.S.A.F. BAND
JAPAN

Message by Dr. E. H. Westmoreland
Christian Concert 7:00—7:30 p.m.

with the
Fifth U.S. Air Force Band
Under the Direction
of
CWO Franklin J. Lockwood

Music Arranged
by

Paul Mickelson, Los Angeles, California
J. T. Adams, Sulphur Springs, Texas

DR. E. HERMOND WESTMORELAND has been pastor of the South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, since 1938. A native of Booneville Arkansas, Dr. Westmoreland graduated from Ouachita Baptist College and received his Doctor's degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He also holds honorary doctor of divinity degrees from Ouachita and Baylor University. Dr. Westmoreland is a former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and now serves on the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He has also served as president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and is a trustee of Baylor University, Southern Baptist Seminary, and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Golden Gate Theological Seminary in Berkely, California. Dr. Westmoreland is one of America's leading pastors, and we are privileged beyond our fondest dreams, to have such a man of God with us as we dedicate this new church building.

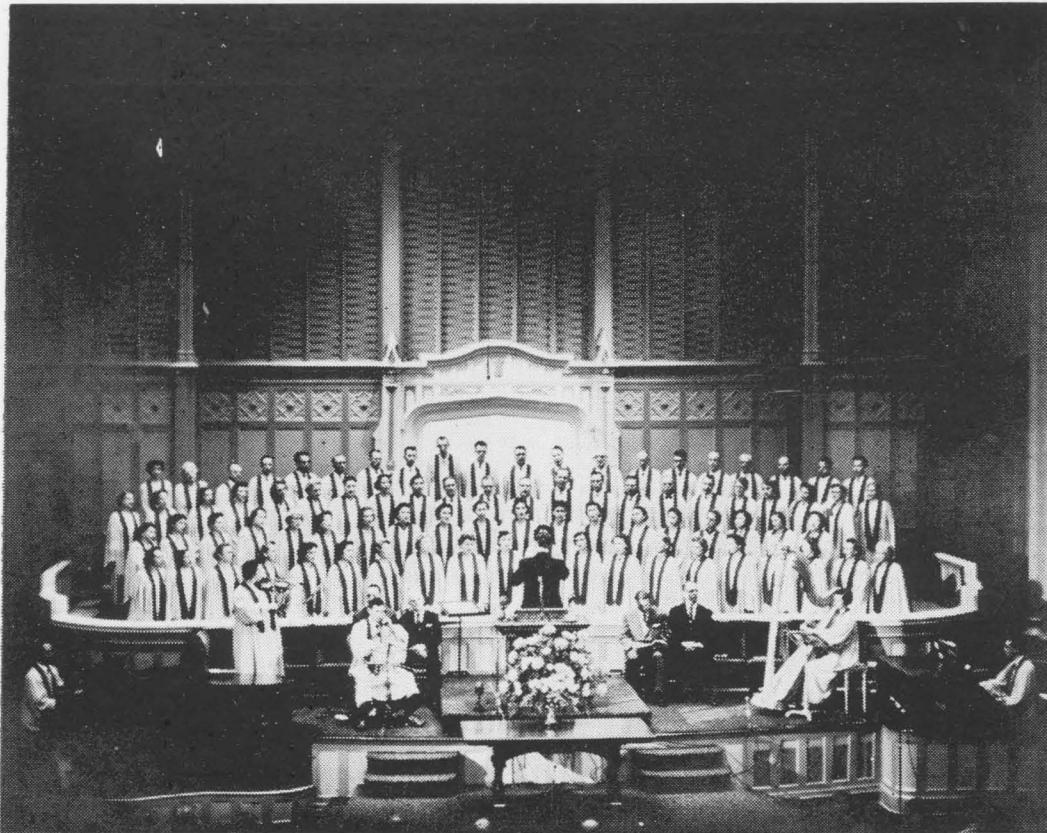


DR. MASA NAKAYAMA, Member of the Japanese National Diet and a leading Christian woman of Japan, speaks on "My Christ and My Church."

"The heavens declare the Glory of God."

"To God be the Glory in our home life"

FRIDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 6, 1959



Dr. Bill Souther Leader of
First Baptist Church Choir, Dallas, Texas
Directing Music

Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland Speaking

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done:
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

*Great things he hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

*Refrain:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the Glory, great things He hath done.*

"The Lord is my strength and song"

“To God be the Glory” in our personal life”

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

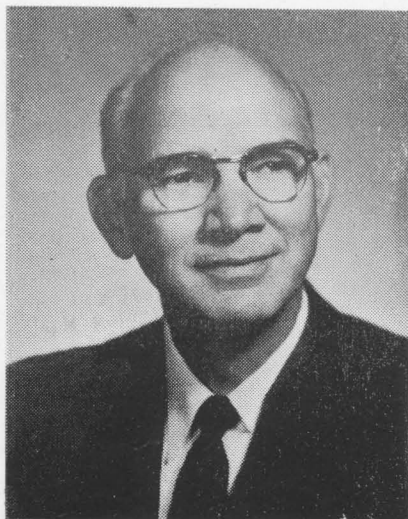
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Message — Dr. E. Hermond Westmoreland



Tokyo Baptist Church Auditorium

“To God be the Glory”



Dr. Kearnie Keegan

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Message—Dr. Kearnie Keegan

Director of Student Work
Sunday School Department
Southern Baptist convention

Special Music by Dr. Keegan

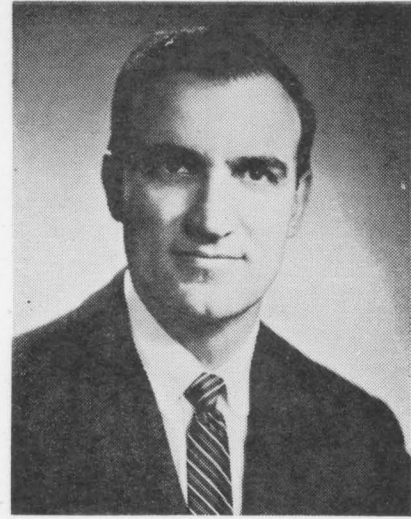
DR. KEARNIE KEEGAN, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance Committee, an organization which has 25 million members in sixty nations, is also the Southern Baptist Convention's secretary of Student work throughout America. Dr. Keegan, a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is listed in *Who's Who in America*. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Louisiana and Texas Baptist Conventions, [the Board of Directors of East Texas Baptist College, and president of the Alumni Association of the Southern Baptist Convention.

“My house shall be called the house of prayer”

"To God be the Glory in gratitude"



REV. K. YUYA



REV. JAMES STERTZ

REV. KIYOKI YUYA, a graduate of our Southern Baptist Seminary, in Louisville, Kentucky, and long time president of the Japan Baptist Convention, is one of the best loved of God's servants here in Japan. Rev. Yuya is presently pastoring the Meguro Baptist Church and leading the Japan Baptist Convention in a program that will ultimately reach into every home of this great land.

"There are three things that I covet in a church," says Rev. Yuya, "whether in America, Japan or whatever the land. First, I believe that it should be a church that is not restricted by time or place. I believe that it should be a place of service for His beloved people, and last, I believe that it should be a church to bear witness of the body of our living Christ. This is my prayer for the Tokyo Baptist Church."

"THANK YOU"

To Rev. Yuya and to the Japan Baptist Convention, the Tokyo Baptist Church wishes to express its joy and appreciation for the privilege of having a part in the evangelization of Japan. Primarily, our work will be with those whose mother tongue is English, but we are confident that in all we do our goal shall be to give the kind of Christian witness that would be an asset in carrying the Good News to all Japan.

REV. STERTZ is the dynamic and capable associate secretary in the Personnel Department of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board. Through Rev. Stertz's untiring and enthusiastic approach to those who have felt concerned for the work beyond the borders of our own beloved United States, many pastors and Christian laymen are finding their place of service throughout the world. Rev. Stertz is a graduate of William Jewell College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

"THANK YOU"

The Tokyo Baptist Church wishes to express to Rev. James Stertz, the representative of the Foreign Mission Board of our Southern Baptist Convention, our sincere appreciation for all they have done in spearheading this program of building a Baptist church for the English-speaking people in this the world's largest city. The Foreign Mission Board extended the same financial help that might be given for the building of a Japanese church here in Japan. This gift of \$42,000.00 has been a challenge to us as we have labored in the building of this church. The building and the property which we now dedicate, has a material value of approximately \$140,000.00, with spiritual values that can never be measured. Had it not been for the contribution made by our Board, we certainly could not have realized the completion of our church at this early date. Rev. Stertz, again, we express to you our appreciation and ask that you convey to Dr. Cauthen, Dr. Crawley, the Foreign Mission Board and the people of our Southern Baptist Convention, our sincere thanks and eternal pledge before God, that we shall endeavor to serve Him faithfully in the work which He has placed before us.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

